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Project title	Application of innovative techniques for improving drinking water quality in urban areas
Project acronym	Aqua-ility

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Priority Axis	2. A Sustainable and Climate adaptable Cross-Border area
Thematic Objective	06 - Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
Investment Priority	6f. Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector, soil protection or to reduce air pollution.
Specific Objective	6.To enhance water management
Project Title	Application of innovative techniques for improving drinking water quality in urban areas
Project Acronym	Aqua-lity
Subsidy Contract Number	62.9f.02
Lead Beneficiary	Municipality of Oraiokastros
Country of Lead Beneficiary	Greece

Beneficiary No	Partner Institution (Full Name)	Country	Total Approved Budget (According to ER)
PB1	Municipality of Oraiokastros	Greece	436.000,00 €
PB2	Municipality of Dimitrovgrad	Bulgaria	242.480,00 €
PB3			
PB4			
PB5			
PB6			
PB7			
PB8			
PB9			
PB10			
Total			678.480,00 €

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Reporting Period	Start	1/1/2019	End	30/6/2019
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Project Duration	Start	10/11/2017	End	31/12/2019	Duration	25,7
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SECTION 2 - PROGRESS ACTIVITY REPORT

2.1 Summary of the project's achievements so far

Please describe the main achievements from the start of the project until today with reference to the relative work packages, actions, outputs and results. This section should include the experience gained and the added-value of cooperation.

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LB: LB contracted (direct award) the deliverable 1.1.2 & 1.1.3 by carrying out one call for interest, according to the submitted STTP. Furthermore, LB signed the contract on 14.05.2019 for the tender regarding the summary procurement published on 29/09/2018 for the Deliverables: 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.1.5, 4.1.1, 4.1.3 & 4.1.4. LB published again the tender for the open procurement on 14/06/2019 regarding equipment, according to the STTP. The kick off meeting was organized on 11 October 2018 in Oraiokastro, Thessaloniki. Moreover, LB inserted to MIS the project information & documents (signed AF) for the 1st modification regarding the extension of the project duration.

PB2: PB2 has implemented most of the actions under the services contract (Tender 3). The two remaining deliverables will be submitted after the installation of the monitoring stations. PB2 has signed the contract for the supply of the equipment (Tender 4) on 14 June 2019. The delivery will take place in July.

2.2 Summary of the project's achievements during this reporting period

Please describe the main achievements during this period.

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LB: LB contracted the Del. 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.1.5, 4.1.1, 4.1.3 & 4.1.4 and received and paid part of the Del. 1.1.2. LB published again on 14.06.2019 the tender for the open procurement on 14/06/2019 regarding equipment (Del.3.1.1). The kick off meeting was organized on 11 October 2018 in Oraiokastro, Thessaloniki. PB2: PB2 has implemented most of the actions under the services contract (Tender 3): D4.2.1, D3.2.2, D3.2.1 and D4.2.2. E. The two remaining deliverables under the Pilot Action D3.2.4 will be submitted after the installation of the equipment. An advance payment of 28 600 EUR was made. PB2 has signed the contract for the supply of the equipment (Tender 4) on 14 June 2019. The delivery will take place in July. Under contract for information and publicity (Tender 2) all respective deliverables were submitted.

2.3 Analytical description of the implemented actions, outputs and results during this reporting period with reference per work package and Beneficiaries' involvement.

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During this reporting period (01.01.2019 - 30.06.2019) LB signed the contract (on 14.05.2019) for the tender regarding the summary procurement published on 29/09/2018 for the Deliverables: 2.1.1 - Communication Plan, 2.1.2 - Project Website, 2.1.3 - International Closing Conference, 2.1.4 - Publicity Material, 2.1.5 - Press Releases, 4.1.1 - Study on environmental pressure spots, 4.1.3 - Project Evaluation, 4.1.4 - Cross border water quality monitoring system. The amount of the contract is 49.300,00 euros.

Furthermore, the tender for the open procurement, according to the STTP, regarding the Deliverable 3.1.1 - Drinking Water improvement system (Equipment) that had been published on 14/12/2018 was cancelled and it was launched again on 14.06.2019. The new deadline for the submission of the offers is on 17/07/2019. Regarding the project implementation, LB has received by the two contractors the Del. 2.1.1 - Communication Plan & Del. 1.1.2 - Project Management (4 Progress Reports), respectively. LB paid the amount of 3.000,00euros for Del. 1.1.2 and it is expected to pay the amount of 13.169,00 euros (Del. 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 2.1.1).

During the reporting period PB2 has contracted Tender 4 (supply of equipment). Apart from the equipment, this contract includes part of the Pilot action D3.2.4. Four out of six deliverables under the services contract (Tender 3) were submitted. The two remaining outputs are part of the Pilot action D3.2.4. Under contract for information and publicity (Tender 2) all respective deliverables were submitted.

2.4 Next steps to be taken for project's implementation

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LB: LB will proceed to the implementation of the contracted actions and to the signing of the contract regarding the equipment (Del 3.1.1). It should be mentioned that LB will accelerate the implementation of the aforementioned project actions (development of the project website as well as the development of the publicity material, supply of equipment as soon as the contract is signed). PB2: PB2 will proceed with the implementation of the contract for supply of equipment and part of the Pilot action. After the installation of the equipment, the two remaining deliverables under the services contract will be submitted. After that, PB2 will contract the organisation of the training seminar for local authorities personnel and consultants in Dimitrovgrad (Tender 6) that is the last pending action to be contracted. PB2 will host a project meeting in Dimitrovgrad, too.

2.5 Problems encountered and proposed solutions

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Project Beneficiaries have not encountered any problems with the implementation of activities during this reporting period.

2.6 Changes in the Implementation

Please state if you consider making any modifications of the approved Application Form. The project implementation must strictly follow the implementation plan of the approved Application Form. Under no circumstances changes should be made without the knowledge and approval of the Managing Authority while important changes may require the submission of a revised application form. Furthermore, important changes/modifications of the project may require the approval of the programme Monitoring Committee. Please follow the instructions provided in the Project Manual as in force.
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Lead Beneficiary sent a request for modification on 19.03.2019 for extension of the project duration by 10 months. The request was also signed by the legal representative of PB2 (Municipality of Dimitrovgrad). The reason for the extension is mainly the heavy tendering procurement procedures. The speed of the project implementation was overestimated. Furthermore, some actions must be implemented after the procurement of the main equipment. Managing Authority approved on 09.04.2019 a 7-month extension from 10-05-2019 until 31-12-2019, so that the achievement of the n+3 target will not be affected. Lead Beneficiary sent the modified project documents (1st modified Application Form, 1st modified Justification of Budget, 1st modified Start up - Procurement Plan). Moreover, Lead Beneficiary inserted the signed documents in the MIS.

4.1 Implementation of action

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4.2 Verified and Paid Out expenditure per Beneficiary

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Beneficiary No	Beneficiary Institution (Full Name)	Country	Expenditure paid out during this reporting period	TOTAL Expenditure paid out including this reporting period	Verified Expenditure during this reporting period	TOTAL Verified Expenditure including this reporting period	TOTAL Approved Budget according to the Application Form	9-5/8 Percentage (%)	10-7/8 Percentage (%)
EA (BSEI)	Municipality of Cankarovo	Greece	108,55 €	1,000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	430,000,00 €	1%	0%
BP1	Municipality of Dimitrovgrad	Bulgaria	36,621,31 €	460,862,18 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	242,460,00 €	21%	0%
BP4			0				0,00 €	0%	0%
BP5			0				0,00 €	0%	0%
BP6			0				0,00 €	0%	0%
BP7			0				0,00 €	0%	0%
BP8			0				0,00 €	0%	0%
BP9			0				0,00 €	0%	0%
BP10			0				0,00 €	0%	0%
TOTAL FOR ALL BENEFICIARIES			36,810,36 €	52,862,18 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	670,460,00 €	8%	0%

4.3 Deviations from the original plans

Please explain and justify any financial deviations that occurred in this reporting period such as any over- or underspending compared with the original budget by budget line. The maximum total number of characters is 1500

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APPENDIX A

SECTION 5 - PUBLICITY	
<p>Please state the measures of publicity and / or measures of diffusion of information that have been carried out according to the approved Application Form, as well as any additional ones. Have EC requirements on information and publicity measures acknowledging EC Structural Fund assistance been complied with?</p> <p>If yes, give details and send proofs of publicity along with the Progress Report (e.g. entries in the media, articles, albums, etc.). If no, please provide an explanation.</p>	<p>The maximum total number of characters is 1500 (please do not exceed 1500 characters in each box)</p> <p>YES</p> <p>LB received the Del. 2.1.1 - Communication Plan. The kick off meeting was organized on 11 October 2018 in Oraiokastro, Thessaloniki.</p> <p>Number of characters 132</p>
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<p>I have attached the copies of the first level control verification of all partners.</p>	

